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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Peter T. Bianco et al.

Application No.: 09/884,478

Confirmation No.: 9571

Filed: June 20, 2001

Art Unit: 3626

For: Electronic patient healthcare system and method

Examiner: R. Morgan

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Request for Continued Examination dated June 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**A Statement of Substance of Interview** pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b) begins on page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper;

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.

**Statement of Substance of Interview Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b)**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b) and M.P.E.P. § 713.04, Applicants herein provide a summary of the in-person interview between Applicants' representative and Examiner Morgan conducted on July 23, 2008 ("the interview"). Applicants thanks Examiner Morgan for permitting the interview and appreciate the courtesies extended by the Examiner.

During the interview, Examiner Morgan and Applicants' representative discussed the claims and art as it stands from the previous final rejection. The Examiner and Applicants' representative discussed possible amendments to the claims to better frame the temporal element of the treatment pathway, such that it begins after diagnosis and continues beyond a medical event. Examiner Morgan and Applicants' representative agreed upon the claim amendments as presented herein, as properly framing this temporal element of the invention. Examiner Morgan invited Applicants to submit preliminary amendments, as agreed upon, such that the Examiner may examine the claims as amended herein.